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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:)
Polo et al.)
For: **METHOD FOR THE PURIFICATION)
OF ALPHAVIRUS REPLICON)
PARTICLES)**
Serial No.: 09/872,086)
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on April 22, 2002 for which a response is initially due on or before July 22, 2002. A request for a three month extension of time is enclosed making the due date October 22, 2002. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace claims 25 and 26 with the following:

25. (Amended) A method for quantitating alphavirus replicon particles comprising:
- a) providing a population of packaging cells;
 - b) contacting said packaging cells with said alphavirus replicon particles under conditions suitable and for a time sufficient for said cells to be infected with said alphavirus replicon particles;

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